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SUBJ: SOUTH AFRICAN PARTICIPATION IN IRS

1. DURING DECEMBER 13 SESSION OF UNEP'S INTERNATIONAL REFERRAL SERVICE (IRS) FOCAL POINTS WORKSHOP, JAMAICA (THELWELL) RAISED SUBJECT OF SOUTH AFRICAN PARTICIPANT IN IRS, NOTING SUCH PARTI IPATION DISTASTEFUL TO HIM AND EMBARRASSING TO HIS GOVERNMENT. HE ASKED SECRETARIAT TO EXPLAIN ITS POSITION AND CALLED FOR COMMENTS FROM OTHER PARTICIPANTS. KOHSLA, DIRECTOR OF IRS AND CHAIRMAN OF WORKSHOP, EXPLAINED THAT MEMBERSHIP IN IRS WAS OPEN TO ALL UN MEMBERS STATES. WHILE UNGA HAD ADOPTED SEVERAL RESOLUTIONS CONDEMNING SAG, IT HAD NOT ADOPTED RESOLUTION FOR EXPULSION, UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES IRS COULD NOT EXCLUDE SAG FROM NETWORK.
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2. SENEGAL (DIOP) SUPPORTED JAMAICA AND URGED COLLEAGUES TO FIND SOLUTION.

3. US FOCAL POINT (ALEXANDER) STATED THAT DESPITE PERSONAL FEELINGS, SHE HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS FROM USG. WHILE SHE COULD SUPPORT CENSURE OF SAG POLICIES OF

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APARTHEID, SHE COULD NOT SUPPORT MOTION TO EXCLUDE SAG FROM IRS. SEVERAL OTHER PARTICIPANTS ALSO INDICATED THEY HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS AND WOULD THEREFORE NOT EXPRESS ANY OPINION.

4. WHEN JAMAICA PRESSED FOR RECOMMENDATION FROM WORKSHOP, ALEXANDER ASKED IF MOTION WERE IN FACT BEFORE MEETING. CHAIRMAN EXPLAINED THAT FORMAL MOTIONS NOT MADE IN TECHNICAL WORKSHOP.

5. ZAIR (NGAMANI) EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT ISSUE WAS UNAVOIDABLE IN DISCUSSION OF RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN NATIONAL FOCAL POINTS. HE POINTED OUT HIS DIFFICULTY IN HANDLING QUERIES FROM SAG TO WHICH HE WAS UNABLE TO RESPOND.

6. ON DECEMBER 14, USSR (MOISEEV) ALSO SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF POLAND, SUPPORTED JAMAICA, ZAIRE AND SENEGAL AND CALLED FOR INCLUSION OF THEIR STATEMENTS IN FINAL REPORT. CZECHOSLOVAKIA (STANICKOVA) RECALLED THAT HER GOVERNMENT HAD FOR YEARS CONDEMNED SAG AND CALLED FOR ITS ISOLATION. WHILE SUPPORTING STAND TAKEN BY JAMAICA SHE NOTED THAT SHE HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS TO TAKE ANY DECISION ON THIS SUBJECT.

7. WOSKSHOP DECIDED TO INCLUDE SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION
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